

A
PETITION

From the Towne and County of
Leicester unto the Kings most
excellent Majesty.

Also an other Petition from the Grand Inquest
of the same County unto his Majesty for
the removing of the Magazine

With his Majesties Answer therunto.

Likewise certain Propositions to his Majesty
by Captain Grey and the Earl of Stamford
Soldiers touching the Magazin.

Also a Declaration from the Knights, Esquires,
Gentlemen, Grand lury-men, and Free-holders,
in the County of *Leicester*.

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To the Kings most excellent Majestie.

The humble petition of the Inhabitants of
the Town and County of Leicester.

JULY 23.



Knowledging your Majesties
Princely protestations for de-
fence of the Protestant Religi-
on, the Lawes of the Land,
(which your Highnesse makes
the justest measure and rule of
your royall prerogative, the liberty and obedience
of your subjects as also for the peace of the King-
dom, disavowing not only intentions of war, as
opening an issue to drown your Majesty & po-
sterity, but also taking care that no posture
should affright the subjects.

Yet we cannot but in all humility expresse our
deep sorrows for your Majesties long estrange-
ment from, and opposition to your highest and
safest Councell of Parliament; on the successe
whereof the safety, honour, and glory of your
Ma-

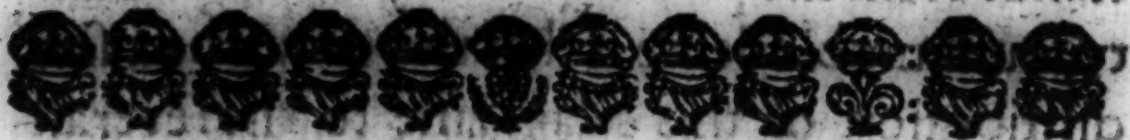
Majesty and happinesse of your subjects doth depend.

Well, we can never expect while we see Delinquents protected against the justice of Parliament, promoted to Honour and Offices of high trust and power, such as *M. Henry Hastings*, who after he had appeared in an hostile manner to the great terrour of your Majesties peaceable subjects, and was rescued from the Minister of Parliament, did notwithstanding (to the greater affrightment of all & mitcarrying of divers women) came with a troope of Horse and Foot at midnight to *Leicester*, demanding the Magazine, and proclayming the Earl of *Stamford* and divers others by name with all their adherents traitors, and after all this is protected (as wee conceive) and made high Sheriff, and an approved Gentleman cast out for no other cause appearing to us then the discharging of his duty to your Majesty and the parliament.

Wee are deeply affected with these proceedings, as presaging the ruine of all at once.

Therefore wee humbly pray that your Majesties Commission of Array declared to be so directly against Law (which your Majesty makes the rule of our allegiance and obedience) may be

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recalled, That justice may impartially protect a-
gainst all Delinquents, without which a parlia-
ment cannot subsist, That you would cashier all
such desperate persons as would engage the King-
dom in a bloody civil War, and abandon all the
Counsellours of Division, That the honour and
innocency of our worthy Knight, and the other
five Members impeacht may be vindicated, That
you would joyn your self to your parliament, as
the only way to save our selves and bleeding Ire-
land, and that our Magazine and Militia, may re-
main in the hands of the honorable Earl of Stam-
ford, who is instituted by the parliament. Wee
stand resolved ever to maintain the true reformed
protestant Religion, your Majesties person and
authority, the Lawes and free course of justice,
together with the high and honourable Court
of parliament, as the Bottom wherein all is im-
barqued. Wee are Enemies to all that divide be-
twixt your Majesty and your parliament, or that
have or shall affront or cast base aspersions on
th^e faithfull Assembly, and according to our just
and free protestation, wee venture our estates
and lives herein, and shall ever pray, &c.



To the Kings most excellent
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The humble Petition of the great Inquest
for the County of *Leicester*.



Ec doe in all humblenesse
acknowledge that during
your Majesties Reigne hi-
thertowe have enjoyd that
which is the greatest bles-
sing that can befall a Natio,
a stable and uninterrupted
peace, your Declaration expresses your Prince
ly desires of your subjects peace and welfare,
being therefore the presages of bloud and ruine
do impend and hang over our heads, wee are
forced to seeke a preservative by our addresles
unto your Highnesse, if it may stand therefore
with your Princely wil dome as wee judge it
stands

stands with the peace and safety of this County, our humble desire is that there may be a safe distribution of this Magazine to the severall Hundreds in this County to be dispersed therein according to due proportions, and this to be done immediatly from the Magazine, That since it stands with the peace and safety of this County it may never be re-assumed but by a legall power, that the Keepers thereof may have their liberty and protection from dangers, for discharging their trust. Thus shall you dissolve these clouds of calamities that threaten us and elevate us to higher hopes of peace.

And we shall ever pray, &c.

**Propositions to his Majesty from Captain Grey,
and the rest of the souldiers intrusted from
the Earle of Stamford, touching
the Magazine.**

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III. That the Keepers of it may have their liberty and protection from dangers for discharging their Trust.

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Given at the Court at Leicester,

JULY 24, 1642.



His Majesty hath graciously considered this Petition, and commanded mee to returne this Answer, that as the Petitioners have enjoyed hitherto the blessing of peace under his Majesties Government, so he hath never expressed a greater love of it, and a care to preserve it, then by his late bearing so many indignities to avoid all disturbance of it, the which hee hopes will have that effect with his good subjects, that they will hence-forward have as great a regard to his honour, as hee hath to their peace, of which if all other were equally tender, no presage of bloud, & ruine would hang over their heads. For your Magazine his Majesty hath never looked upon this under any other consideration then to preserve it for the County whose it is. And therefore upon complaint heretofore made to him, that some persons had presumed in warlike manner to leavy it without any lawfull authority, his Majesty out of his good affection to this Countie gave direction to prevent future mischief, that the same should be restored to the disposition of those to whom it belongs, and therefore well approves, that it be disposed in such manner and such place as shall seeme best and fittest to the County, in which his Majesty will not intermeddle. For the freeing and protecting the Keepers of the Magazin or their Seconds, his Majesty knows not the meaning of the Petitioners, if they have had a lawfull trust committed, and done nothing in discharge and execution thereof but what is warrantable, they need no other protection but that of the Law, but if in the violent and forcible removing the Magazine, and in the circumstances of keeping they have done any done any thing unjustifiable, his Majesty believes no trust boldly undertaken can excuse them, and therefore expects that this be immediatly delivered by the Keepers to the disposall of the County without condition.

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CHARLES Rex.

Our will and pleasure is, That all our Officers and loving Subjects doe suffer the Bearers hereof to passe quietly to their own houses: Given at our Court at *Leicester*, the 24 of *July*, 1642.

WHereas the Grand Jury at the Generall Assizes held in the County of *Leicester*, did present a Petition unto his Majesty for the distribution of the Countrey Magazine to be divided into every hundred, and therein dispersed into every Town, according to the charge leavied upon them for the providing thereof.

And whereas it was also further in the said Petition desired that the said Magazine might not be re-assumed again. Therefore the Barons, Knights, Esquires, Gentlemen, Grand Jury-men and Free-holders, &c. doe hereby declare. That whosoever shall go about to re-assume or gather into one body again the said Magazine, or any part thereof by any Authority whatsoever, shall be adjudged, esteemed, reputed and taken to be an Enemy to, and a disturber of the publick peace of this County. And because no man may plead ignorance in this behalfe, It is agreed by all sorts, ranks, and degrees of persons above-named, That this Declaration be now openly read and published, with an audible voice, in the face of the County, at this Generall Assizes held for the County aforesaid. Dated the 25 of *July* 1642.

*The Copy of that the Grand Jury gave the Commanders
of the Magazine.*

WE the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury for the County of *Leicester*, have received the Magazine thereof from the East gate in the Newwork, and do undertake so neer as we may, that it shall be distributed to the severall Hundreds, and therein dispersed to every Towne, so neere as wee can equally. And that it shall be never re-assumed to our powers. In witnesse whereof we have subscribed our names the 25 day of *July*, Anno Domini 1642. Attested by all the Grand Jury.

FINIS.

